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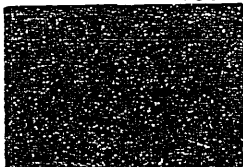
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AT PUL-I-CHARKI HAS REMAINING TANKS, REPORTEDLY, GATHERED
IN READINESS TO MOVE.

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HE WAS WITH DAUD AT 0400 HOURS
JULY 17 WHILE DAUD DRAFTING HIS RADIO MESSAGE (PARA FOUR OF
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3. CONFLICTING REPORT

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